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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 2, 2007

Dear Sir:

In a response to the Final Office Action mailed May 2, 2007, Applicants submit the following Reply. The statutory period for response was set to expire August 2, 2007; therefore, this Reply is timely filed.

This Reply should be considered a submission in a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 (see attached *Transmittal*). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the cost of this request in accordance with §1.17(e) to Deposit Account No. 13-0206. Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.